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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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RE: Report on Broadcast Localism and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
MB Docket No. 04-233

To the Honorable Chairman Martin:

Please consider this letter as notice of disagreement with several of the proposed changes to the Federal Communication Commission rules governing local broadcasters. The proposed regulations are excessively burdensome and detrimental to the efforts of local radio stations to best serve their listeners and the business community. While the development of additional and enhanced local programming is a goal worthy of pursuing, the method in which the FCC is pursuing this goal may have a negative financial impact upon the smaller broadcasters and our community.

Our local broadcasters offer a much needed service to our community including providing vital information to the area, serving as an outlet to raise money for numerous local charities and not-for-profit organizations, promoting school education, broadcasts both academic and athletic events, along with the tireless efforts of staff members contributing their time to local boards and organizations. The potential loss of these broadcasters due to the financial difficulties they would realize as a result of these new regulations would have a detrimental impact on our citizens' quality of life.

We urge the FCC to reconsider these new regulations and the impact they may have on not only the broadcasters involved, but all communities across the country.

Sincerely,

CITY OF CHARLESTON

John Inyart
Mayor

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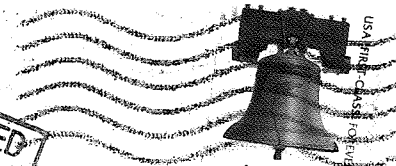
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